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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS: SUGGESTED PRESS GUIDANCE

1. ON STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS PRIME MINISTER AND FONMIN
THIS MORNING GAVE ME AN ORAL RUNDOWN OF PROPOSALS FONMIN WILL
PRESENT TO USG AT NEXT IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATING SESSION
(SEPTEL). THIS AFTERNOON PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE ISSUED FOLLOWING
STATEMENT:

QUOTE: AT A CABINET MEETING YESTERDAY THE GOVERNMENT FORMULATED
A DRAFT FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES ABOQT THE
REVISION OF THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT. THOSE PROPOSALS HAVE NOW
BEEN INTRODUCED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE ALTHING AND A MEETING FOR TALKS WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES
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OF THE UNITED STATES IS EXPECTED TO BE DECIDED ON IN THE NEAR

FUTURE. END QUOTE.

2. IT WAS AGREED AMONG THE THREE OF US THAT WHEN PRESS ASK ME FOR COMMENT I WOULD SAY AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER CALLED ME IN AND PRESENTED TO ME ORALLY THE GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE GOI PROPOSAL THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL PRESENT TO THE U.S. NEGOTIATOR IN WASHINGTON. UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ARE PRESENTED I OF COURSE CANNOT COMMENT ON THEM. END QUOTE.

3. I WOULD SUGGEST ADDRESSEES NOT COMMENT ON ANY ASPECT OF THE PROPOSALS NOR GIVE ANY INDICATION THAT WE KNOW WHAT THEY ARE. THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR TACTICAL REASONS SINCE WE ARE EXPECTED TO "TAKE THEM UNDER ADVISEMENT" WHEN RECEIVED AND WITHIN A SPECIFIC TIME FRAME. WE DO NOT WANT THE CLOCK ON THIS TO START NOW. IRVING

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